



South Centre Statement to the WHO INB8

Good morning to you all.

We thank the co-chairs for the summary of the work of the INB.

We recognise the hard work done so far and wish all delegations success in the deliberations this week.

We thank Members for agreeing to allowing the text of all articles to be shared. This will facilitate our analysis of the refined textual proposals by drafting subgroups and consideration of the state of the progress made.

We would like to learn more about how “experts” are engaged in discussions by the subgroups. We recommend inclusion of expertise from developing countries. We extend the offer to provide input.

The expectation is that the instrument will increase multilateral cooperation, equity and accountability, by setting new rules, addressing key problems that hinder an effective collective response to pandemics.

A pragmatic approach towards reaching consensus should remain focused on key objectives.

The instrument should serve to:

- support countries to build stronger capacities to prevent and deal with health emergencies and pandemics, building on the IHR and with a One Health framework
- deliver closer coordination and cooperation among Parties
- restrain profiteering and increase transparency in contracts with private parties for production and purchase of medical countermeasures
- set building blocks for a more collaborative global research and development ecosystem that delivers innovation for the benefit of all, with sharing of information on research leads, clinical trials, facilitated access to technology and know-how, regional production capacities and the fair distribution of life-saving medical countermeasures during pandemics
- and finally, to expand financing

Thank you, we remain available.